

### **Amendments to the Claims:**

*This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:*

1-7. (CANCELLED)

8. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method for recording motor vehicle data regarding a monitored operating condition of a motor vehicle in response to an occupant of the motor vehicle declaring an event declared by an occupant of a in response to experiencing irregular behavior of the motor vehicle while the motor vehicle is being driven without being involved in an accident, the method comprising:

generating sensor signals indicative of motor vehicle data regarding a monitored operating condition of a motor vehicle as a function of time;

writing the sensor signals into a memory device as the sensor signals are being generated for storage in the memory device;

an occupant of the motor vehicle actuating a switch in order to declare an event in response to the occupant experiencing irregular behavior of the motor vehicle while the motor vehicle is being driven without being involved in an accident;

generating an event signal ~~indicative of a declared event in response to an~~ at the time the occupant of the motor vehicle actuating a ~~actuated the~~ switch;

~~writing the sensor signals into a memory device for storing the sensor signals;~~

marking ~~at least one~~ the sensor signal ~~written to the memory device as corresponding in time to the declared event in response to the event signal being generated at~~ the time the occupant of the motor vehicle actuated the switch; and

transferring from the memory device to ~~the~~ an output device the sensor signals stored in the memory device which were generated at times proximate in to the time to the declared event occupant of the motor vehicle actuated the switch.

9. (CANCELLED)

10. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 8 wherein:  
generating sensor signals includes generating a sensor signal indicative of motor vehicle acceleration as a function of time.

11. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 8 wherein:  
generating sensor signals includes generating a sensor signal indicative of video images of the environment surrounding the motor vehicle.

12. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim of claim 8 wherein:  
transferring ~~from the memory device to the output device~~ the sensor signals includes transferring the sensor signals stored in the memory device which were generated at times proximate in time to the declared event includes transferring the sensor signals stored in the memory device before, during, and after the declared event occupant of the motor vehicle actuated the switch.

13. (CANCELLED)